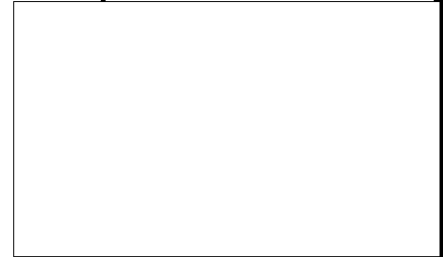




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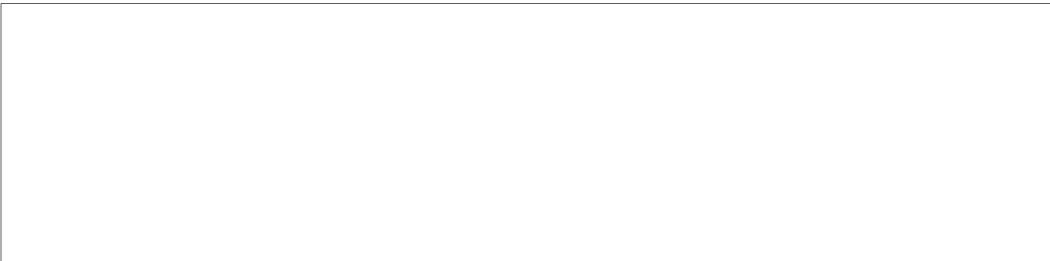
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ISRAEL-SYRIA-LEBANON: Syrian Troop Movements

*Israel yesterday warned US officials that the Syrians have moved troops farther south in Lebanon than the Israelis consider permissible.*

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Army Chief of Staff Eitan informed the US defense attache that Syria had moved a small number of troops and tanks south in the Bekaa Valley. Eitan called the movements a serious violation of the unwritten agreement--in effect since 1976--establishing a "red line" that vaguely delineates the southern limit of the Syrian presence in Lebanon. He suggested that the US urge the Syrians to pull back and indicated that Israel may be forced to take some type of action if they do not.

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Comment: Israel's complaint about Syrian movements in Lebanon follows a series of statements expressing concern over increased Syrian military capabilities and what the Israelis view as an aggressive posture by Syria. If Damascus fails to heed Eitan's warning, Israel might retaliate by attacking the Syrians in Lebanon, or elsewhere.

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